

## Haiti: Expanded Programs Deliver Hope

In Haiti, the church is delivering hope in the midst of poverty and civil crisis through three expanded initiatives:

**School Fees.** The Methodist Church of Haiti has long provided education for children in cities and remote rural areas. During the current civil crisis, because parents cannot pay school fees (about \$250 per child per year), the church has been unable to pay teachers. Assistance with fees would guarantee that the church's educational program will continue through this difficult time.

**Health Care.** The church provides health care through seven district health sites. The church has put out an "SOS call for solidarity" to help enable them to pursue desperately needed improvements in health. There is a 50% morbidity rate for children between the ages of 0 and 5. Community-based primary health care includes hygiene education, medicine, and nutritional support.

**Spiritual Care.** Recognizing the importance of spiritual care in times of national emergency, the church is organizing an event to train its leaders to recognize and care for the long-term effects of trauma. The church is in a unique position to bring healing.

### How to Give

Fund these three priorities by gifts to **UMCOR Advance #418325, Haiti Civil Emergency.** Write the # and name of the project on your offering envelope and in the memo line of your check.

**By Offering** For local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.

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## Healthy Food for Children in Haiti

"You give them something to eat." -- Matthew 14:16b



**Hot School Lunches.** Hunger is a much too familiar phenomenon in Haiti. For a number of years, the lunch program has provided daily meals in 93 schools. It reaches 16,877 youngsters.

For many, this is the only meal they will receive. A meal of beans and rice can be prepared for about 20 cents per student. As the project has grown, so has the need for contributions. The Haiti Task Force of Michigan, in collaboration with the Methodist Church of Haiti, began this project in order to improve student health and educational performance.

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Your contributions to **UMCOR Advance #418790** will help secure the **School Hot Lunch Program** in Haiti. Write the # and name of the project on your offering envelope and in the memo line of your check.

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